

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2013 - SB 2383

February 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes various changes to requirements regarding medication aides. Changes the professional title of “medication aide certified” to “medication aide.” Deletes statute prohibiting the use of one or more medication aides as the basis for a reduction in a facility’s licensed nursing staff.

Adds the exploitation of an adult, under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-111, and the abuse, neglect or exploitation of an adult, under Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-6-117, to the list of convicted crimes for which the Board of Nursing may deny, revoke or suspend any certificate to practice as a medication aide, or to otherwise discipline a certificate holder, including, but not limited to civil monetary penalties.

Reduces, from 75 to 65, the number of required hours of instruction in a medication aide training program. Redefines the standard curriculum of a medication aid training program. Deletes statute prohibiting a medication aide from: administering medications containing a controlled substance; administering medications administered as drops to the eye, ear or nose; administering rectal and vaginal exams; administering medications delivered by metered hand held inhalers; and administering medications delivered by aerosol/nebulizer. Effective January 1, 2017.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the proposed changes to statute regarding medication aides will have no significant fiscal impact on the Department.
- Any rulemaking required by the Board of Nursing can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Board of Nursing had surpluses of \$1,168,922 in FY13-14, \$1,363,944 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$7,635,110 on June 30, 2015.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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